

May 2007

NEWSLETTER



President's Message

President's Message

COBIT 4.1 is now out!

The IT Governance Institute® (ITGI™) has released a new version of Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT®), titled COBIT® 4.1. In addition, ITGI has also published two other COBIT publications, updated to COBIT 4.1:

- *IT Governance Implementation Guide: Using COBIT® and Val IT®, 2nd Edition*, which provides a generic road map for implementing IT governance using COBIT and Val IT™ resources and offers a supporting tool kit
- *COBIT® Control Practices: Guidance to Achieve Control Objectives for Successful IT Governance, 2nd Edition*, which provides guidance on the risks to be avoided and value to be gained from implementing a control objective, and instruction on how to implement the objective.

Later this month, ITGI will publish *IT Assurance Guide: Using COBIT®*, which provides guidance on how COBIT can be used to support a variety of assurance activities as well as testing steps for COBIT IT processes and control objectives.

For more information on these updates to COBIT or to obtain a free download of COBIT 4.1, please visit www.itgi.org. Print copies of each publication can be purchased from the ISACA Bookstore (www.isaca.org/bookstore).

Our next breakfast presentation, on May 10th, is entitled *Managing the Diminishing Security Perimeter*, which will be presented by Dominique Amyotte, CISSP of the Graycon Group Ltd. I hope to see many of you at the breakfast!

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me directly regarding any Chapter-related suggestions or concerns you may have.

Vivek Dharap
909-6388

May's Breakfast Presentation

Managing the Diminishing Security Perimeter

Speaker: Dominique Amyotte, CISSP
Senior Security Analyst, The Graycon Group
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2007
Place: Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road, Edmonton
Time: Breakfast available from 8:00 am; Presentation from 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Cost: \$15 Members; \$20 non-members

Speaker Profile

Since founding the security practice four years ago at Graycon, an Alberta-based IT management firm, Dominique has been involved in defining standards for security assessment, security deployment, business continuity and disaster recovery solutions. Dominique's technical roots are reflected in his various industry certifications from Microsoft, Juniper, Cisco and HP. He has also achieved the CISSP designation and is currently working towards his CISA.

Presentation Overview

With the growing mobile workforce, it is becoming increasingly difficult to define a clear perimeter for IT networks. Administrators are being forced to extend network services beyond the traditional boundaries, while striving to maintain the highest security standards. This presents a challenge to find creative solutions for threat mitigation, data confidentiality/integrity and effective access control. In this session, Dominique will highlight the challenges of managing this blurred perimeter and present effective strategies for ensuring the delivery of seamless information while maintaining data and systems security. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend this thought-provoking session!

R.S.V.P.

We look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast session. Feel free to pass this invitation along to co-workers, associates, and any other interested parties. Please register no later than Friday, May 4th at noon on-line at www.isaca-edmonton.ca.

Please note that ISACA Edmonton reserves the right to bill for late cancellations. Should you need to cancel, please send notice to programs@isaca-edmonton.ca no later than Tuesday, May 8th at noon.

ISACA Edmonton - Coming Events

Date/Event	Speaker	Topic
June 14, 2007 Breakfast Meeting & Annual General Meeting	Darrell Jones, MBA, CISA, CISM, CISSP, ISP KPMG's Advisory Practice	Demonstrating the Value of the Audit Practice
July	Summer Vacation	
August	Summer Vacation	

We have an impressive line-up of speakers and topics for May and June and are very excited about the program that is currently under development for 2007/2008. Should you have any ideas with respect to topics or presenters that you'd like us to include in the upcoming program, please feel free to contact myself or any other member of our Programs Committee vis-à-vis our email addresses posted at the ISACA Edmonton website. We'd be happy to hear your ideas.

Cornell Dover
VP Programs, ISACA Edmonton Chapter (2006-2007)

Membership Corner

Keep your membership information up-to-date. If your contact information changes, please be sure to update this information at www.isaca.org. We update the Edmonton Chapter membership contact information at least monthly to ensure you continue to receive information about our chapter events. All non-renewed members will also be removed from the Edmonton ISACA member list. If you are unable to maintain your membership but still wish to remain on our contact list, please let us know.

Member Benefit of the Month...

K-NET:

1. An online knowledge base consisting of more than 6,000 peer-reviewed electronic resources, organized by professional topic category and accessible by members only. Push technology allows members to be advised via e-mail when new content is added to their selected areas of professional interest.
2. Available at www.isaca.org/knet.

If you have any questions as to the benefits of your ISACA membership, please contact me. Your input and feedback is always welcome.

Please direct your Membership specific questions to Suzanne Robinson at membership@isaca-edmonton.ca or telephone (780) 498-8085.

Nominations are Open!

Have you ever thought of being on the Edmonton ISACA Chapter Executive? Did you know you could receive Continuing Education Credits (CPEs) for your participation on the Board? This is a great opportunity to network with others and help arrange local training that you would be interested in!

The following executive positions will be up for nomination at our annual general meeting held in June 2007:

- President
- Vice-President Programs
- Vice-President Membership
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Other director position include:

- Webmaster
- Certifications
- Newsletter
- Academic Relations
- Corporate Relations

If you want to know more about these positions, anyone from the current executive would gladly answer your questions. Visit http://isaca-edmonton.ca/board_members.asp.

We currently meet once a month for 1½ hours over the lunch hour. If you don't think you can commit to a full position, but would still like to help out, we won't turn you down.

If you are interested in holding any of the above positions for the year July 2007 to June 2008, please contact one of the following Nomination Committee members:

- Kristin Shandro – treasurer@isaca-edmonton.ca
- Suzanne Robinson – membership@isaca-edmonton.ca
- Dejan Slokar - dslokar@deloitte.ca

Certification Corner

Hello from CACS!

I am writing this after a stimulating day at the North American Computer Audit, Control and Security conference (CACS). Four days of intense, interesting sessions and discussions on IT audit. If you ever get the chance to go to a CACS (or any other ISACA conference) I would highly recommend you take it! Over a 1000 people from 30 different countries are here and there are a few themes running through the conference.

1. Take a risk based top down approach to your internal IT controls.
2. Rationalize and automate your IT controls.
3. This is an ongoing process so use a tool for the sustainment of your IT controls. (One lady here presented on using workflow to cut the time of the IT annual audit from 11 weeks to 4 days after the processes were documented, and the controls set up in a workflow system.)
4. And most important - that the CISA and CISM certifications are extremely valuable and will become even more important in the future as IT audit takes a more central role in financial statement audits!

With all of the automated segregation of duties (SOD) enforcement applications, Continuous Control Monitoring, and the additional automation and reliance on application controls there will be even more need in the future for qualified and competent people to implement and audit these processes. One of the best ways to show that you are knowledgeable and qualified in this area is through the CISA and CISM certifications.

Unfortunately our CISA review course was cancelled this year. With only 5 people from the immediate Edmonton area registered to write the CISA exam this June we did not get enough people in the course to make it worthwhile for everyone involved. In talking to the people from the international ISACA office they felt that the December exam is slowly becoming the more popular exam worldwide. Other chapters are also charging \$400.00 - \$600.00 dollars for the review course so ours is a bargain at \$195.00 (Canadian)

A couple of suggestions have been discussed on how to increase enrollment in our CISA review course. Some of the ideas are holding it in October – November, or holding in on one weekend from Friday afternoon to Sunday evening, or holding during work hours even. If you have any ideas on how to improve the course or to increase the number of people attending I would love to hear from you!

Although the CISA review course did not go ahead this year I would still like to give a big “Thank You!” shout out to all of the people who offered to help (or were bullied into helping) put the course on. Without volunteers this course would never be the success it has been. Thanks to Robert Braid, John Jenkins, Shari-Lynn Lane, Villy Madsen, Trent Riddell, Norm Runte, Kristin Shandro, and Ian Simpson! I hope I will be able to count on all of you next year.

This may well be the last newsletter before the June 09, 2007 exam date. I know that everyone is well on their way to studying the material and answering all of those practice exam questions. A heartfelt “good luck” (even though you won’t need it) to the 3 people registered to write the CISM exam and 6 people registered to write the CISA exam here in Edmonton! I often hear from

writers that they felt they failed the exam only to find out they got a great mark. So keep in mind that 25 of the questions are “test questions” to see how well they do for future exams and that the score is scaled. I am sure you will all pass.

If anyone has any questions or comments please send me an email and I will try to answer as best and as quickly as possible.

Patrick

Patrick Dunnigan CISA, CISM, CISSP
Certification Coordinator ISACA – Edmonton
certifications@isaca-edmonton.ca